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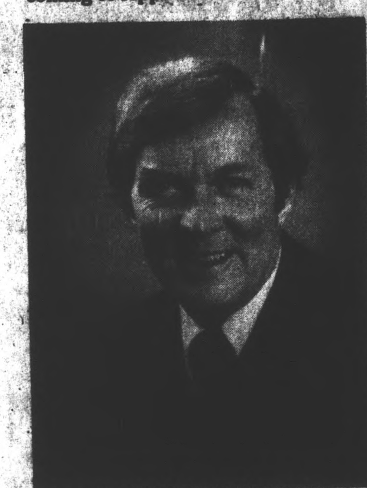
At Thomasville

Cowan named new manager

Bruce Cowan, formerly assistant plant manager of the Appomattox Plant of Armstrong Furniture, has been promoted to Plant Manager of the Appomattox Plant.

A native of Fanwood, New Jersey, he is a graduate of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is married to Pat Cowan, Broker, Century 21, Countryside Real Estate, Inc. in Appomattox. They are the parents of four children.

Cowan has been associated with Armstrong for the past 20 years, coming to Appomattox in 1974 when the Armstrong Plant began operation here.


Bruce Cowan

He assumed operating responsibility for the Appomattox facility June 1 and will report directly to William L. Lowe.

Thes changes are in conjunction with Armstrong's entry into the "Do it yourself" furniture market. The Appomattox based plant will be expanding its production capabilities to produce this new low cost K-D (knock-down) product. It will continue to produce furnitue for their established retail, contract and international markets. Two new lines will be added, along with several new computer controlled machines to support this entry into one of the fastest growing furniture markets today.

Capital expenditures for the project are expected to exceel two million dollars in 1984.

Employment will be increased as market penetration is realized by the two new marketing divisions being created to sell K-D furniture.

Lowe, formerly vice-president and manager of the Appomattox plant has been named vice-president and general manager Armstrong Furniture Manufacturing. In his new position he will be responsible for new product development, capital expenditures and installation of future satellite facilities under consideration. He will report directly to the president of Thomasville Furniture Industires.

A BUCKINGHAM COUNTY MAN received minor injuries last Wednesday when the pickup truck he was driving went into the median strip and overturned in the westbound lane of Route 460, near its intersection with Police Tower Road. Charles E. Davidson, Jr., the driver of the truck, was transported to Lynchburg General Hospital by the Appomattox Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he was treated for back injuries. No charges were filed in the accident, according to Virginia State Police. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Torrence appointed to regional post

Patricia T. (Pat) Torrence has resigned as principal of Appomattox Primary School, to accept a position as the consultant for economic education in Central Virginia.

Torrence, who will be based at Lynchburg College, willl work with the six school divisions in Central Virginia, which are sponsoring this program for improving economic education in conjunction with the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

She will spend time in each of the six school divisions, which include Nelson, Bedford, Amherst Appomattox and Campbell Counties, and the City of Lynchburg.

In addition to assessing the curricular needs of students in Central Virginia, Torrence will work with teachers and prospective teachers to ensure that they have the necessary background in economic education, as determined by interviews and discussions with businesses and industries in this region.

Pat Torrence

The program which Torrence will be heading is one of six such programs in Virginia which fall under the jurisdiction of the national Joint Council on Education.

"The primary goal of this program, put simply, is to ensure that students in grades K-12 are taught the basics of economics, so that they can make reasonable economic decisions and be respon-... working world, Torrence explains.

Torrence has served as principal of Appomattox Primary School for the past 10 years. Before that, she was assistant principal at the old Appomattox Intermediate School.

Before entering administrative work, she taught math, science, health, home economics and remedial reading in schools in Maryland, North Carolina, and Appomattox.

She has served on evaluation and administrative review teams for schools in Pittsylvania, Lunenburg, Charles City, Orange, Northampton and King George Counties.

Appomattox Primary School was designated a "model school" in a variety of categories while Torrence was principal there. She gave presentations at state conventions on parent-volunteer programs, mathematics curricula, procedures for school evaluations, kindergarten curricula, gifted-and-talented student curricula, and principals' institutes as a result of these "model school" designations.

She also served on a variety of state task-force committees for improving public education.

Torrence, who was educated in Campbell and Appomattox county Schools, holds a B.S. degree in home economics education and an M.S. degree in administrative and supervision. She has also completed additional graduate-level work at the University of Virginia.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of Schools in Appomattox County, said this week that "under the leadership of Pat Torrence, Appotox Primary School has provided an effective program for children during their early years of formal education. She has operated a well organized school emphasizing quality materials and supplies for teachers, utilized the services of aides and volunteers to enhance learning and maintained a school building at an exceptional level of cleanliness and attractiveness."

Torrence said that she has "thoroughly enjoyed working with the students, teachers and parents in Appomattox County. In this new position, I will have the opportunity...

John Grinels dies at 79

John Southey Grinels, 79, of Appomattox, died Monday, June 4 1984 in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

John S. Grinels

He was the husband of Ida Hoppich Grinels.

Born in Middlesex County, he was a son of the late Charles R. Grinels and Mildred Condiff Grinels.

He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church where he was Trustee Emeritus, former Sunday School teacher and steward. He was a member and past president of the Appomattox Lions Club; a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmers National Bank and retired owner of Grinels Motor Compnay.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Linda G. Irby of Richmond; and one sister, Mrs. David B. Webb of Mineral, Virginia.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. P. Edward Leonard and the Rev. Forrest Wagoner. Burial will be in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Benefit horse pull set for Saturday

Saturday, June 9, is the day for the benefit draft horse pull, sponsored by the four Ruritan Clubs in Appomattox County.

Proceeds from this event will be used to help defray the medical expenses of Linda Booth, who was seriously injured in a farm accident last September.

The pull, which is sponsored by the Evergreen, Spout Spring, Pamplin and Oakville Ruritan Clubs, is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. June 9. The site of the event is a large open lot along Route 24, a mile east of the town of Appomattox near the Parkway Mobile Home Park.

Weigh-in for the horses will be conducted at 3 p.m. the day of the event. There are two classes of competition: one for horses weighing 3,200 pounds or less, and one for animals weighing 3,201 pounds more.

Admission for adults is $5 at the gate ($4.50 in advance), and admission for children under age 12 is $3 ($2.50 in advance).

Food will be available at consession stands.

All proceeds from the event will be used to help pay the medical expenses of Mrs. Booth, who was seriously injured while working on her family's dairy farm near the rural community of Spout Spring in Appomattox County.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Warm days of June sound a clarion call for the outdoors. Baseball, tennis, sunbathing, lawnmowing, gardening, farming, car rides with the windows down, camping. Sure do miss seeing the school busea running. And the race is on. Race for President? For Governor? For the World Series? For Summer Jobs? Maybe, but the big race is to see who has the first garden ripe tomatoes.

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And such a display of roses in bloom. Proud of the ones from my garden, but some properties have masses of roses in bloom. How about that fence row at Chicken Palace along Confederate Blvd. as an example.

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"D-Day", Wednesday, June 6. I recall the date. We knew a great effort was upcoming, but not where or when. Many families lost loved ones. Among them: Johnny Bingham of Appomattox; Ivanhoe Bryant of Cullen. And I have noticed that many Veterans now open up and talk about war experiences, whereas at first they wanted to forget. All honor to our heroes, all glory to Our Flag.

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Have a note in the memo pad as to words of greeting. What do you say when you meet family or friends in the morning? Hi, Hey, Or perhaps, "How are you?" Really don't expect a detailed answer. Would take too long. How about replying, "Well, I was able to dress myself and take nourishment." Suggestion: Why not here and around Appomattox we use as a greeting the one word: "PEACE."

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An article in the daily press reports on the Virginia Folk Music Association and plans for the Annual Country Music Spectacular to be held June 10 at Hooper Memorial Park, Crewe, Va. The article tells of a new member to be inducted into the Virginia Country Music Hall of Fame. My point is that it is unthinkable that Appomattox's Joel Walker Sweeney is not the top honored member of the Hall of Fame. After all he invented the five-stringer, was a composer and fabulous entertainer, celebrated minstrel and world ambassador of folk music.

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Welcome to the Steve Wiley family. He is a member of the staff at LibertyBaptist Church. And to Danny Russell, a high school student from Onancock High School, Eastern Shore, where I taught school two years until got into the newspaper business, Danny looks to me like a welcome prospect for ACHS football and baseball.

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Thanks for reading and aren't you glad I do not discuss politics! Seeya around Appomattox, A Growing Town.

School Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. in the school board office.

Among items on the agenda for this meeting are a report on energy control system for the Appomattox County High School; progress report on revision of attendance policy effective with the 1984-85 school session; hearing of individuals or delegations.

Interested parents and individuals are invited to attend.

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BOBBY CARTER, one of the valedictorians of the Class of 1984, addresses the audience at Friday night's commencement exercises at Bragg Stadium. Lori Coggins and Mike McCoy also served as valedictorians at the graduation exercise. Salutatorian was Vivian Seay. A total of 169 students received diplomas at the graduation event. (Photo by Allen Austin)

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